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To the Director.

Information of MARQUIS[MARKIZ][1].

1. The American representative PHILIPS[FILIPS], who has returned from India, does not want to go back and has suggested to the State Department that it should refrain from appointing another. He bases his suggestion on the grounds that such an appointment would mean approval of British policy in India, with which PHILIPS disagrees (passed to MARQUIS by his acquaintance BEECROFT[11], who has been appointed BEW representative in India).

2. An acquaintance of MARQUIS, Lieutenant-Colonel GAYLE[111], informed him that the War Department had decided not to form additional divisions which

[36 groups unrecoverable]

[3 groups unrecovered]

knowing the [B% Polish], Italian, Greek and Czech languages (information of an acquaintance of MARQUIS who is receiving instruction in the camp, by name LASZL.)

4. The editorial office of MARQUIS's magazine has received for private use notes on an interview with the Chinese Minister of War HO[KhO][1v] given[a] by him [1 groups unrecovered[b]] to the American woman journalist Adaline GRAY[v]. The general tone is the determination of China to [continue the][c] struggle to the end; cooperation with the Americans and the necessity for a firm [C% policy] [1 group unrecovered]. We are giving some answers of the Minister to the journalist's questions:—

a) Possibility of war between Japan and the U.S.S.R.: According to information of the Chinese intelligence service[RAZVEDKA] Japan is holding large forces in north-east China and is carrying out intensified preparation for offensive operations. However the U.S.S.R. has completed the preparation of countermeasures and if Japan attacks she will suffer heavy losses.

b) Whether an attack by Japan in the direction of India is possible: There is little likelihood because the Japanese army is widely dispersed.

c) Whether it is possible for the Allies to conduct operations simultaneously against Germany and Japan: The Allies first have to destroy Japan[d]; if Japan is permitted to attack the U.S.S.R. and to use her resources in the South Pacific, the Allies will be in an unfavorable position.

d) About the production of weapons in China: China is in a position to supply her army for a counter-attack with her own weapons but she needs aircraft and heavy guns.

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- T.N. : [a] Refers to the interview and not to the notes.
[b] Possibly a date in January.
[c] Inserted by the translator.
[d] Probably an error for "Germany".

Comments:

- [i] MARKIZ: Joseph Milton BERNSTEIN.
[ii] Eric Armour BEECROFT. Born in TORONTO, Canada, 1903. Became a U.S. citizen December, 1939. Held the following posts in B.E.W.: March - July 1942: Head of the India Unit, British Empire Division; July 1942 - January 1943: Chief, Far Eastern Section; January 1943 - January 1946: Chief, Eastern Hemisphere, Exports Division.
[iii] Lt. Col. William T. GAYLE, U.S. Army, a known contact of BERNSTEIN.
[iv] HO: General HO YING-CHIN, Chinese Minister of War or of Military Administration 1938 - 1944.
[v] Adaline Bertha GRAY, an American citizen, resided in China from 1935 until 22nd March, 1943, when she returned to the U.S.A. While in China she worked as an instructor in English and as a newspaper reporter, at one time using the pen name Joel LEE. In April 1943 she made a report to the U.S. War Department on the subject of Chinese guerillas. This was based on interviews with the Chinese War Minister.
[vi] MOL'ER: Pavel P. MIKHAILOV, an official of the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

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